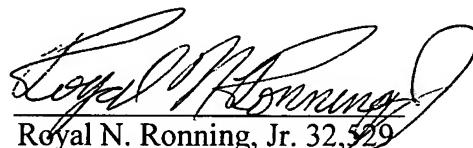


In response, Applicant respectfully submits that he cannot find any nucleotide or any amino acid sequences in the captioned application, and is uncertain what the Notice is referring to in this instance. Because of this, Applicant is at a loss as to how to respond; inasmuch as a Sequence Listing cannot be prepared and submitted until the sequences are identified. Applicants respectfully submit that this requirement may have been made in error, and respectfully assert that, since no sequences are present in the captioned application, no Sequence Listing is required. In the event that Applicant is in error, Applicant respectfully requests that the sequences be identified by page and line or paragraph number so that an appropriate Sequence Listing may be prepared.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that he has fully and appropriately responded to the Notification of Missing Requirements and respectfully requests that the application be entered and sent to the Examining branch.

Respectfully submitted,



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